

Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to continue hearings on Threats. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the National Science Foundation, 9 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 for the Emergency Supplemental, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to resume hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine rising health care costs and the impact on future generations relating to Medicare and Medicaid, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine National Park Service's implementation of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel R. Levinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, Harold Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, and Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine democracy in retreat in Russia, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the price of drug reimportation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine an overview of the Government Accountability Office high-risk list, focusing on ensuring Congressional oversight by bringing attention to government-wide management challenges and high-risk program areas, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S.256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for

fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Office of the Inspector General, Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, on the Secretary of Defense, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security, hearing on Department of Homeland Security Management and Operations, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense budget request, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Domestic Entitlements: Meeting the Needs, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue mark up of H.R. 27, Job Training Improvement Act of 2005, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled: "A Review of the Administration's FY2006 Health Care Priorities," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Role of Technology in Achieving a Hard Deadline for the DTV Transition," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider pending Committee business, and to hold a hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; and H. Res. 41, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a day should be established as "National Tartan Day" to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish-Americans to the United States; followed by a hearing entitled "Wounded Army Guard Reserve Forces: Increasing the Capacity to Care," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the International Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, joint hearing on the North Korean Nuclear Challenge: Is There a Way Forward? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 683, Trademark Dilution Revision Act of 2005, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on GAO Five Year Update on Wildland Fire and Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management Accomplishments in Implementing the Healthy Forests Restoration Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Proposal, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to hold a hearing entitled "Medical Liability Reform: Stopping the Skyrocketing Price of Health Care," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to consider Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to consider Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; and to hold a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, to meet for organizational purposes, 1:30 p.m., 1129 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.